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To: Zoning Board of Appeals, Ashley Clark

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Walpole Residents vs. Omni Development saga nears the end, we see it rear its ugly head.

We, the residents of Walpole, have voiced our collaborative concerns over and over again about the fatal safety concerns of the density of this project in such a congested, quaint neighborhood as ours in South Walpole. We have addressed our utter disagreement that the train tracks will pose no such risk to pedestrians or drivers on a daily basis, as we have experienced quite the opposite. We have pleaded to the Board, with our own experience and evidence, that the density of this project will severely and negatively impact the already chaotic traffic concerns that we endure each day with not only the "typical" working commute, but more importantly, the Boyden Elementary School pick-up and drop-off commute, as well as the intense congestion continuously created by Gillette Stadium events.

WE live in South Walpole. WE live with the safety concerns of the trains barreling through our backyards. WE have daily near-miss accidents while driving through the Boyden pick-up and drop-off lines. WE navigate our lives around the Gillette Stadium events schedule. And as it appears in the very near future, WE will have to live through the abrupt disruptions of years of demolition, construction and unprecedented congestion of hundreds of additional residents and vehicle traffic in our charming, little community.

We, the residents of Walpole, implore you to greatly decrease the density of this project to two four-story buildings. We listened to the Board and your comments about being "satisfied" with the decrease to two five-story buildings at the recent ZBA hearing on March 1, 2021. For the record, WE are not satisfied with this condition.

As the Board is aware, there are over 100 residents of Walpole who have collaboratively hired legal counsel who is an expert in 40B and has been previously successful in legal action against David Hale. In response to the most recent ZBA hearing, our legal counsel's response is, and I quote: "I've never seen a project four stories tall be deemed uneconomic, much less two buildings at that height. Walpole should fight this project to reduce the density and make the developer prove that two four story buildings are uneconomic. That would be unprecedented."

WE NEED YOU to strongly advocate for all of us residents who will be living with the brutal consequences of this monstrosity of a complex for decades to come while we continue to live in what we believe is a special community. You have the power to greatly decrease the density of this project. We are not afraid of the HAC. We welcome the next steps in this fight. But only YOU can get us there.

Please. Help our town; help our community; help us continue to enjoy living in the neighborhoods that we call home.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Becky Litvak